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I was just a kid when the original "Roseanne" show captured audiences across the nation with its blue-collar humor. Decades later, the show managed to make a comeback during a time of unrelenting division among Americans. But due to Roseanne Barr's racially-charged tweet Tuesday, that revival was short-lived. Read inside for details of Barr's remarks, and the fallout that cost her a comeback. Read more on pages 4 and at **metro.us**.

CHILD MIGRANTS' PARENTS TO BE FINGERPRINTED

1 The Trump administration will soon begin fingerprinting parents claiming custody of children who entered the United States illegally without an adult relative, officials said on Tuesday, prompting criticism that children may be abandoned by those who fear being identified and deported. Currently, most parents are not required to be fingerprinted to get custody of their children. U.S. laws and legal precedent limit the time juveniles can be detained, so those caught crossing the border alone are often released to adult sponsors in the United States. The children are then expected to show up to immigration court to fight their deportation cases. "We're going to more thoroughly vet sponsors," said Steven Wagner, acting assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families, in a telephone briefing with reporters. "With DHS' cooperation we will conduct a fingerprint-based background check on every sponsor." Under a new memorandum, DHS would help HHS fingerprint every individual claiming custody of a child, senior officials said.

MISSOURI GOV. TO STEP DOWN AMID SCANDALS

2 Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens on Tuesday said he would resign from office this week, avoiding a potential impeachment he faced after he became embroiled in separate sexual misconduct and political fundraising scandals. Greitens called an afternoon press conference after an unfavorable ruling earlier in the day in his computer tampering trial related to allegations he obtained and transmitted a donor list from a military veterans charity he founded in 2007 without the charity's consent to aid his political fundraising, according to local media. "I will let the fairness of this process be judged by history. ... I will always be a fighter for the people of Missouri," Greitens told reporters after saying he would resign effective Friday. The Republican-controlled Missouri General Assembly on May 18 began a special session in Jefferson City, Missouri, the state capital, to consider what disciplinary steps to take against the first-term Republican governor, including impeachment, after hearing the recommendations of a special House of Representatives investigative panel.

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TAXI DRIVERS RALLY AT CITY HALL

3 On Tuesday, New York city taxi drivers took to City Hall pleading for legislative action after a fifth taxi driver committed suicide in the past five months. The workers are looking for policy changes that will provide job protection and lift drivers out of poverty. ***For more, see page 14.***

GAZA MILITANTS ATTACK, ISRAEL STRIKES BACK

4 Palestinian militants launched their heaviest barrages against Israel since the 2014 Gaza war on Tuesday and Israeli aircraft struck back, in a surge of fighting after weeks of border violence. Three Israeli soldiers were wounded by shrapnel, the military said, after dozens of mortar bombs and rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip, triggering warning sirens in southern Israel throughout the day and after dark. There were no immediate reports of Palestinian casualties. Israel has long said it will not tolerate such attacks, and its warplanes hit more than 30 targets belonging to armed groups, including a cross-border tunnel under construction, the military said. It accused Gaza's dominant Hamas movement and the pro-Iran Islamic Jihad group of launching the salvoes. The armed wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the firing and said it was in response to Israel's killing of dozens of Palestinians since March 30, mainly in Gaza border protests.

OUTSPOKEN RUSSIAN JOURNALIST SHOT DEAD

5 A prominent Russian journalist and critic of President Vladimir Putin was shot dead in Ukraine where he had fled into exile following threats, police said on Tuesday. Arkady Babchenko, 41, died of his wounds in an ambulance after his wife found him covered in his blood in their home, police said, adding they suspected the murder was due to Babchenko's professional activities. Babchenko, a former soldier in the Chechen war who became one of Russia's best-known war correspondents, had left his homeland fearing for his life after criticizing Russian policy in Ukraine and Syria. He had been denounced by pro-government politicians in Russia over comments on social media about the Russian bombing of Aleppo in Syria's war, and over his characterization of Russia as an aggressor toward Ukraine. "The first and the most probable version is his professional activity," Kiev Police Chief Andriy Kryshchenko said at a televised press briefing when asked what police suspected lay behind the murder. Babchenko's wife is in a state of shock and police are unable to speak to her, he said.

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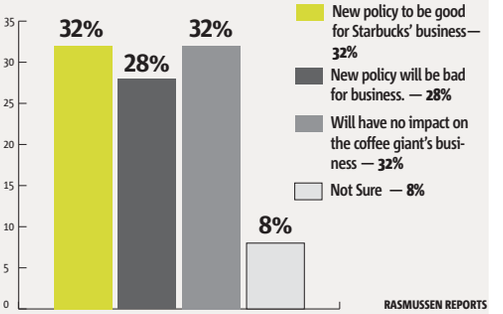
STARBUCKS

Starbucks has announced a new policy that will allow almost anyone to use its facilities including restrooms, cafes and patios, regardless of whether they make a purchase. Is such a policy good or bad for business, or will it have no impact?



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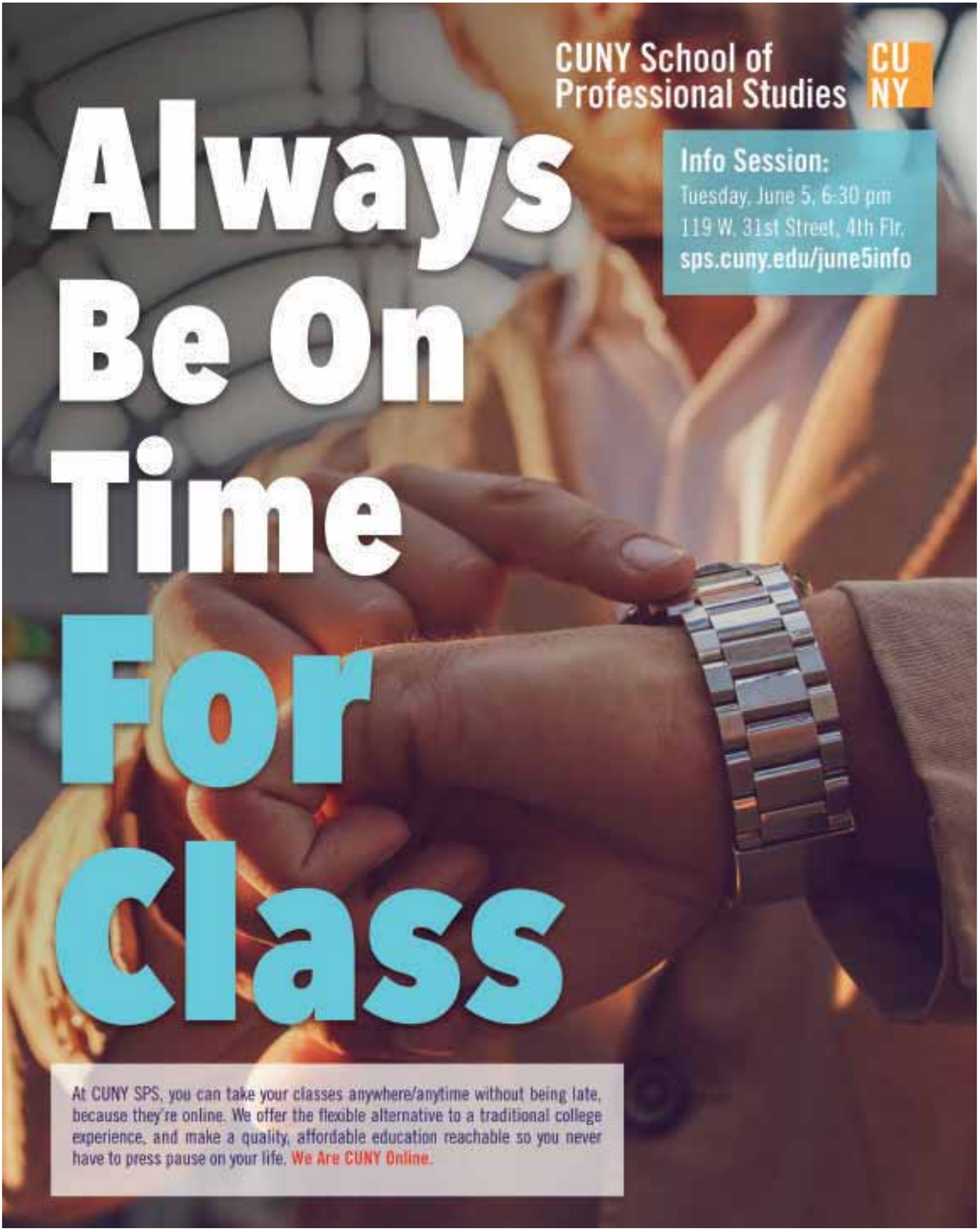
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Prior to its cancellation, "Roseanne" was ABC's top-rated primetime show. GETTY IMAGES

'Roseanne' abruptly canceled after star's racist tweet sparks furor

ABC immediately cut ties with its new comedy following Roseanne Barr's offensive tweet toward former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett.

"Roseanne's Twitter statement is abhorrent, repugnant, and inconsistent with our values, and we have decided to cancel her show."

Channing Dungey, ABC Entertainment president

Walt Disney Co.'s ABC network on Tuesday swiftly canceled the popular TV comedy "Roseanne" after star Roseanne Barr incited outrage by comparing a black former Obama administration official to an ape in remarks on Twitter.

The show, a revival of the 1990's hit "Roseanne," was ABC's most widely watched primetime show for the TV season that ended last week. President Donald Trump has cited its huge viewership as evidence his supporters, who include Barr, want shows that speak to their concerns.

"Roseanne's Twitter statement is abhorrent, repugnant and inconsistent with our values, and we have decided to cancel her show," ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey said in a statement.

In a since deleted comment on Twitter, Barr compared Valerie Jarrett, a former adviser to President Barack Obama, to an ape. Barr wrote that if the Islamist political movement "muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby = vj."

The actress, 65, apologized "for making a bad joke" about Jarrett, who is black and was born in Iran to American parents. Barr's tweet followed a Twitter conversation referring to a Wikileaks allegation that the CIA spied on French presidential candidates during the Obama administration.

Hollywood talent agency ICM said in a statement on Tuesday it will no longer represent Barr.

Jarrett, 61, said on Tuesday that Disney Chief Executive Bob Iger called her before ABC announced the show's cancellation.

"I think we have to turn it into a teaching moment," Jarrett said at a taping of MSNBC's "Everyday Racism in America" that the network released ahead of its scheduled broadcast. "I'm fine. I'm worried about all the people out there who don't have a circle of friends and followers coming to their defense."

The fallout from the show's cancellation also hit its lucrative syndication market as Viacom said it would pull reruns of the original 1990s "Roseanne" episodes from its Paramount, TV Land and CMT cable networks. Another cable network, Laff, also said it was removing reruns of the show.

The original "Roseanne" show aired for 10 seasons from 1988 to 1997. ABC/ROBERT TRACHTENBERG

The original "Roseanne" ran from 1988 to 1997, featuring a blue-collar family, the Conners, with overweight parents struggling to get by. It was praised for its realistic portrayal of working-class life.

ABC aired 10 episodes of "Roseanne" from March until May and generated $22.8 million in ad revenue, or 2.5 percent of the network's total for the season, according to data from measurement firm iSpot. In late March, the network renewed the show for another season.

Reaction to Barr's comments by the show's supporting cast added to the pressure on ABC. Sara Gilbert, who plays daughter Darlene on the series and served as a producer, said on Twitter that Barr's comments were "abhorrent and do not reflect the beliefs of our cast and crew." REUTERS

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Senior North Korea envoy to hold talks in New York about summit

Kim Yong Chol, a former head of a North Korean military intelligence, will meet with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in New York.

A senior North Korean official is headed to New York for talks with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, the latest indication that an on-again-off-again summit between President Donald Trump and North Korea's leader may go ahead next month.

"We have put a great team together for our talks with North Korea," Trump said in a Twitter post on Tuesday. "Meetings are currently taking place concerning Summit, and more. Kim Young (sic) Chol, the Vice Chairman of North Korea, heading now to New York. Solid response to my letter, thank you!"

Kim Yong Chol, vice chairman of the ruling Workers' Party's Central Committee and formerly head of a top North Korean military intelligence agency, will meet with Pompeo later this week, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said.

"The United States continues to actively prepare for President Trump's expected summit with leader Kim in Singapore," she said.

The North Korean envoy was scheduled to fly to the United States on Wednesday after speaking to Chinese officials in Beijing, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

The talks show that planning for the unprecedented summit, initially scheduled for June 12, is moving ahead after Trump called it off last week in a letter to the North's leader, Kim Jong Un.

> **"We have put a great team together for our talks with North Korea."**
> Donald Trump

A day later, Trump, who frequently exchanged insults and threats with Kim Jong Un before they began talking about a summit, said he had reconsidered and officials from both countries were meeting to work out details.

Kim Yong Chol will be the most senior North Korean official to meet top officials for talks in the United States since Jo Myong Rok, a marshal, met then-President Bill Clinton at the White House in 2000.

Kim Yong Chol will be the most senior North Korean envoy to hold talks in the U.S. in close to two decades. GETTY IMAGES

Kim Yong Chol coordinated the North Korean president's two meetings with Pompeo in April and May.

North Korea has faced years of isolation and economic sanctions over its nuclear and missile programs since it conducted its first nuclear test in 2006.

The North had tested missiles believed to be capable of reaching the United States but Trumphas vowed not to let Pyongyang develop one that could deliver a nuclear warhead.

North Korea has rejected U.S. demands for it to unilaterally abandon its nuclear program. It defends its nuclear and missile programs as a deterrent against what it sees as U.S. aggression.

This week's talks and meetings on the border between North and South Korea are aimed at determining whether North Korea is prepared to make sufficient commitments toward getting rid of its nuclear weapons, a U.S. official said. REUTERS

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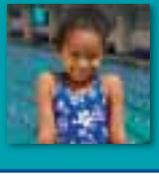

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Starbucks locations throughout the U.S. closed their doors Tuesday afternoon as the company began conducting anti-bias training for its employees. GETTY IMAGES

Starbucks closes 8,000 stores for anti-bias training

Civil rights leaders hope it will reinvigorate decades-old efforts to ensure minorities get equal treatment in restaurants and stores.

Starbucks Corp. appealed to customers for forgiveness in a controversy over alleged racial profiling on Tuesday, saying its behavior toward two black men last month had been reprehensible as it closed 8,000 U.S. stores for anti-bias training.

The company settled privately with the men after a Philadelphia cafe manager's call to police resulted in their arrests on April 12. It was closing company-owned U.S. stores at around 2 p.m. local time on Tuesday as a first step in training 175,000 employees on how to recognize their own unconscious biases and avoid unintentional discrimination.

Analysts expect the closures, coming during the typically slow afternoon hours, would cost Starbucks $5 million to $7 million in lost business. Some 6,000 licensed Starbucks cafés will remain open in locations such as grocery stores and airports.

The Philadelphia arrests sparked protests at the coffee chain, known for its support of same-sex marriage and other left-leaning social issues.

Starbucks Executive Chairman Howard Schultz, who crafted the chain's culture in his decades as chief executive officer, in an open letter called the manager's 911 emergency call and the subsequent arrests by police "reprehensible."

"We determined that insufficient support and training, a company policy that defined customers as paying patrons — versus anyone who enters a store — and bias led to the decision to call the police," he said.

> **"They've been doing it the right way; they could've just sent out a letter or done nothing, but they didn't."**
> Jessica Hines, Miami legal assistant

Miami business owner Isabel Pacheco, 56, told Reuters the Philadelphia incident has pushed her to start visiting smaller, locally owned coffee shops, while Miami legal assistant Jessica Hines, 53, said it did not affect her routine.

"They've been doing it the right way; they could've just sent out a letter or done nothing, but they didn't," Hines said.

Their comments underscore Starbucks' vulnerabilities at a time when independent coffee shops are proliferating and powerful rivals are making assertive moves into the business it still dominates.

On Tuesday JAB Holdings said it would buy a majority stake in sandwich and coffee shop chain Pret A Manger for $2 billion, expanding its reach into the coffee sector, where it also battles Nescafe and Nespresso maker Nestle.

Earlier this month, Nestle and Starbucks struck a $7 billion coffee licensing deal aimed at strengthening each company's global position.

Civil rights leaders advising Starbucks on the training hope it will reinvigorate decades-old efforts to ensure minorities get equal treatment in restaurants and stores, setting an example for other restaurants and retailers.

The move has renewed speculation that Schultz is paving the way for a presidential bid, something he has repeatedly denied. But he appeared to be more open to the idea of political office in an interview with CNN on Tuesday.

"I want to be as involved as I possibly can as a citizen to help the country," he said. "I don't know what that's going to mean in the future." REUTERS

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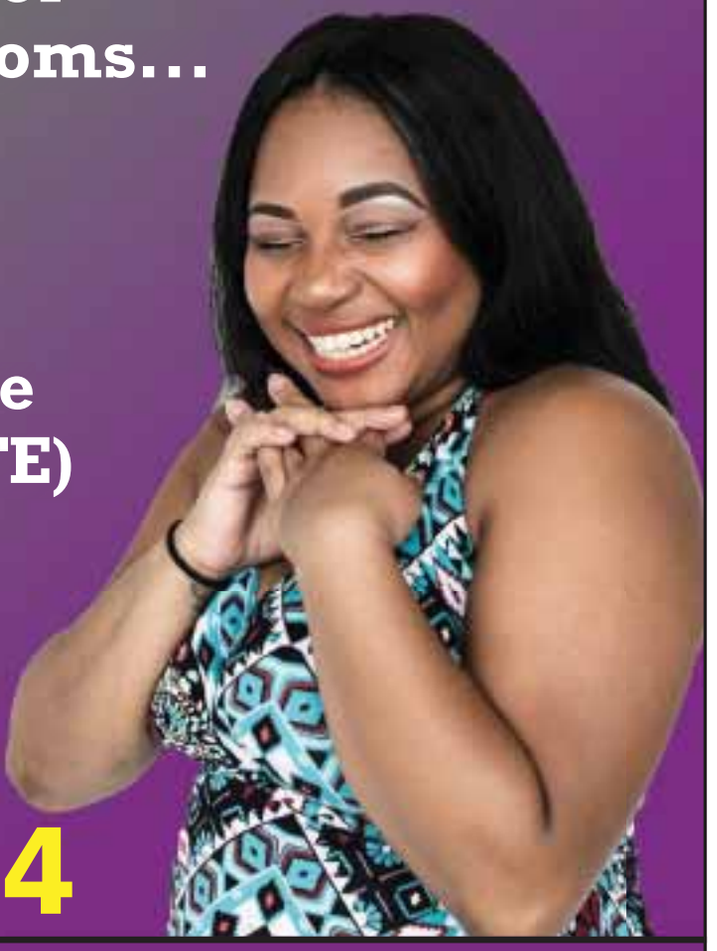

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June 3 is the official date of the Queens Pride Parade and Festival. In connection with this special day, the Queens Public Library will host two days of events honoring the LGBTQ community.

The Glen Oaks and Jackson Heights branches will hold events on June 2 and June 3, respectively, so you can get in on the festivities at both.

Glen Oaks Queens Public Library - June 2nd

The branch will kick things off with an "inclusive storytime" for children and their families, no matter what their definition of "family" is, from 10:30 a.m.-11a.m. Next, there will be an LGBTQ-themed coloring party from 11 a.m. to noon. After that, Dr. EK Tan will host a screeing of the 2002 film The Hours starring Nicole Kidman, Meryl Streep and Julianne Moore. From 2:30 p.m.-4:30pm, guests can experience pride parades from around the world through virtual reality. And to close out the night, there will be a collaborative collage project to create art based on gay pride and protest posters from history. For this activity, you must reserve your spot by calling 718-831-8636 to reserve your spot. There will also be art from LGBTQ artists on display throughout the library all day.

Scenes from last year's Queens Pride parade.

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Jackson Heights Queens Public Library - June 3

As the parade kicks off at noon June 3rd, make sure to check out all of the events taking place at the Jackson Heights Queens Public Library. The branch will begin by with a "Rainbow Story Time" at 11:30 a.m. followed by an hour of "Rainbow Crafts for Kids." From 3 p.m.-4 p.m., there will be a "Drag Queen Story Hour" that will help bring social acceptance and awareness to young children through songs, crafts and stories. Attendees can enjoy pride parades from all over the globe from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and will also be able to partake in the "Queens Memory" project, during which you can be be interviewed for the library's permanent collection of LGBTQ-themed memories. And the "Lavender Line Mini-Exhibit: A Photo History of the Queens Pride Parade" will be on display for visitors all day.

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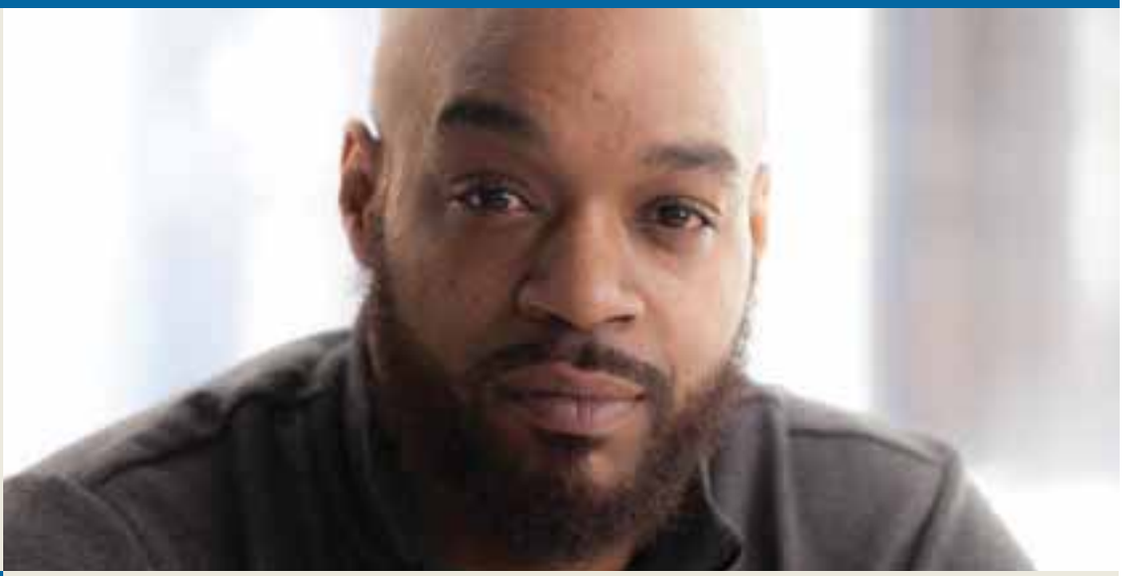

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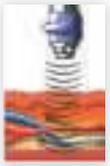

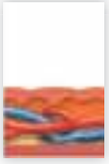

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If you're at war with erectile dysfunction (ED), you're not alone. In fact, one in every four new patients is under the age of 40, according to the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. While it may be comforting to know that it's more common than you think, you're probably more concerned with getting it under control. And we don't blame you—ED takes a serious toll on relationships, intimacy and overall well-being.

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David Ellis has been working in Harlem for the past 16 years, and the changing historic neighborhood inspired his latest poetry book, "Honey in Harlem." He is seen here reading at Ginny's Supper club. KERBY JEAN

Capturing today's Harlem, and its history, one poem at a time

David Ellis will host a "Honey in Harlem" book signing and reading this Wednesday at Revolution Books.

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With its continuing development and gentrification, it's no secret the streets of Harlem are ever-changing, but for David Ellis, they remain as poetic as they've always been.

"I will be walking down Lenox Avenue until the day I die," Ellis, 39, said. "I feel the spirits and souls of those who were here before I was born, but when I walk down Lenox Avenue, there's just an energy that has not gone away for 16 years."

The poet has been the library tech coordinator at St. Mark the Evangelist School on 138th Street since 2002, and released his second self-published poetry book, "Honey in Harlem," earlier this year, but his words have been displayed in Harlem establishments like Revolution Books, Lenox Coffee and Red Rooster for years.

"David is very much a part of this New Harlem Renaissance, and his thoughtful poetry captures that elegantly," Marcus Samuelsson, Red Rooster's co-creator and chef, told Metro. "His love of this community and teaching is evident as well as his passion for poetry and artistry."

Ellis treats his poems and haikus like photography and painting, writing on canvas, in frames and even on driftwood for beachgoers to happen upon on City Island, his home neighborhood for the past eight years.

"At the end of the day, it's just to put poetry out there to show that words are beautiful," he explained. "It's something I haven't witnessed, so I'm putting it out there."

Ellis released his first poetry book, "Beach in City Island," in 2017, and strives to release one each year. "Concrete and Brick," a book about his upbringing in 1980s Mount Vernon, is planned for 2020. He also just released "Love on Lenox," which features him reciting nine "Honey in Harlem" poems with a solo pianist, on iTunes this summer.

Ellis will host a "Honey in Harlem" book signing and reading at Revolution Books from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday.

"It's called 'Honey in Harlem' because it represents the people, the faces that I see every day. The honey is us," he said.

Ellis' books are available at Revolution Books and on Amazon.

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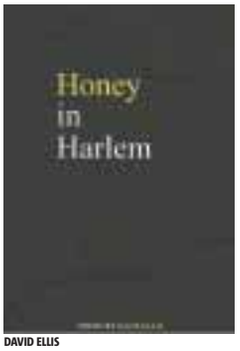
David Ellis



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Taxi drivers gathered outside City Hall demanding action from City Council after a fifth driver committed suicide. BESS ADLER

Taxi drivers rally at City Hall after 5th NYC suicide

After a string of taxi driver suicides in New York City, members of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance are calling on City Council to make legislative changes around taxi medallions and ride-share apps like Uber.

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New York city for-hire drivers gathered outside City Hall on Tuesday demanding legislative action from officials in the wake of the fifth taxi driver suicide in the last five months.

"How dare the city forget the drivers that keep New York moving," said New York Taxi Workers Alliance Executive Director Bhairavi Desai. "What was once a full-time solid job is now a poverty pay gig."

The drivers say that the city's failure to regulate both ride-share apps like Uber and Lyft and the taxi industry's age-old financial structure — which often leaves taxi drivers with crushing loans for medallions that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars — has ruined the livelihoods of those in the for-hire-driver field.

"Shame on Uber, shame on the gig economy," one person at the rally yelled. "Five suicides is too many," said another.

The rally comes in the wake of the discovery on Saturday of the body of Yu Mein Chow in the East River. Chow had been missing since May 11. It is believed that he killed himself, having jumped off of the Brooklyn Bridge because of the financial struggles he faced as competition between livery vehicles like taxis and ride-sharing services continues to escalate.

Why are taxi drivers committing suicide?

Chow's death marks the fifth taxi driver suicide made public in as many months, according to the New York Taxi Workers Alliance (NYTWA), which says "financial ruin" plays a part in this trend. The others include Nicanor Ochisor, Danilo Corporan Castillo, Alfredo Perez and Douglas Schifter.

Some of these men specifically pointed to their precarious financial situations: Castillo, a livery driver, wrote his suicide note on a Taxi and Limousine Commission summons after the agency took away his license because of repeated offenses for picking up street hails, which are reserved only for green and yellow taxis. Shifter, a black car driver, shot himself in front of City Hall after writing a lengthy post on Facebook in which he said he had been "financially ruined" because city and state politicians "destroyed" the taxi industry.

> **"Shame on Uber, shame on the gig economy,"**
> Protester

Chow, The New York Times reported, had taken out a loan to buy a $700,000 taxi medallion in 2011, and could not afford to make payments, pay his wife's medical bills after she was diagnosed with cancer or fund his daughter's college education. A GoFundMe has been set up for his family.

Outside City Hall, taxi drivers with the NYTWA called out city politicians once again, demanding that New York City Council make a number of policy changes that these drivers say will lift all drivers out of poverty and provide job protection.

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English teacher Yvonne Mason found 11 miscapitalized words in Trump's letter. GETTY IMAGES

Retired English teacher corrects a letter from Trump and gives him failing grade

Luckily he didn't write "covfefe."

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As we all know, the official Trump Twitter account has been riddled with grammatical errors — whether they're kept on the president's feed or promptly deleted after being sent off haphazardly into the social media sphere. These include, but are not limited to, "honered," "tapp," "Alex Baldwin" and "rediculous." Don't forget "covfefe." (Even Trump has played into the whole "covfefe" slipup.) And now, a retired English teacher has spotted a slew of mistakes in a Trump letter she received in the mail.

Yvonne Mason, who formerly taught at Mauldin High School in South Carolina, sent a letter to the White House after the Parkland shooting on Feb. 14, asking Trump to meet with victims' family members.

"When you get letters from the highest level of government, you expect them to be at least mechanically correct."

Yvonne Mason

The message she received back from the White House — signed by Trump — discussed the listening sessions he hosted and school safety in general. Mason graded it for spelling and grammar, like she would any English assignment, and marked it up with purple corrections (her version of the dreaded red ink).

"When you get letters from the highest level of government, you expect them to be at least mechanically correct," Mason told Greenville News. "I have never, ever, received a letter with this many silly mistakes."

Mason posted the Trump letter, which has gone viral, to Facebook (then reportedly sent it back to the White House):

Mistakes in the Trump letter

Mason counted 11 times the Trump letter capitalized words she said shouldn't have been capitalized such as "Nation," "Federal," "President" and "State." However, as The New York Times noted, the capitalization of these words follows the government's style manual.

"'Federal' is capitalized only when used as part of a proper noun, e.g. the name of an agency," Mason wrote. She also pointed to the overuse of the word "I" and dangling modifiers. Like the Trump twitter account, this letter lacked perfect grammar, according to Mason.

"If it had been written in middle school, I'd give it a C or C-plus," she said. "If it had been written in high school, I'd give it a D."

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America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the ***NY Pain MD*** in New York City. "*The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at* ***NY Pain MD*** *because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments many clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology.*

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupple- cosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at ***NY Pain MD*** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targetin*g during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife

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Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.

Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging

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Like "Joint Oil"

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Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

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Report: Hurricane Maria's death toll 70 times higher than disclosed

When Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, 2017, residents weren't fully recovered from Hurricane Irma, which hit two weeks prior. One meteorologist told Vox that, "it was as if a 50- to 60-mile-wide tornado raged across [the island]." The Category 4 storm was the strongest to strike shore in over 80 years, and whole neighborhoods were left without power. Officials first reported the Hurricane Maria death toll to be 64 lives lost.

This number, tallied by the Puerto Rican government, was met with skepticism as critics argued that it failed to account for those who died from hardships endured after the hurricane. Independent investigations set the death count at an extremely higher number.

One of these studies came from The Center For Investigative Journalism, and it suggested that 985 additional people died from the storm.

And now, according to a new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Hurricane Maria death toll doesn't account for 4,645 "excess deaths" estimated after the storm, which would make the total number 70 times higher than previously recorded.

So how did scientists get this Hurricane Maria death toll? Independent researchers at institutions such as Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and others surveyed 3,299 randomly selected households "composed of 9,522 persons" across Puerto Rico. This lasted between Jan.17 and Feb. 24 to report on the mortality rate of the period between Sept. 20 through the year's end (Dec. 31).

CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

"As the world knows, the magnitude of this tragic disaster caused by Hurricane Maria resulted in many fatalities."

Carlos R. Mercader executive director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration

Residents were asked to take a survey on their experiences, and of those approached, 93 percent agreed. According to the survey given, there were 38 deaths after the hurricane. Scientists then figured these findings to the island's total population (3.4 million).

By taking these numbers and subtracting the overall death rate on the island from the same period (Sept. 20 through Dec. 31) in 2016 — which the scientists noted increased by 62 percent in 2017 — they were able to calculate that 4,645 more people died in the storm's wake.

"Approximately one-third of post-hurricane deaths were reported by household members as being caused by delayed or prevented access to medical care," the study stated, noting that "interruption of medical care was the primary cause of sustained high mortality rates in the months after the hurricane."

In response to the new death toll study, Carlos R. Mercader, executive director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, issued the following statement on the study to NBC News:

"The Government of Puerto Rico welcomes the newly released Harvard University survey and we look forward to analyzing it. As the world knows, the magnitude of this tragic disaster caused by Hurricane Maria resulted in many fatalities. We have always expected the number to be higher than what was previously reported. That is why we commissioned the George Washington University to carry out a thorough study on the number of fatalities caused by Hurricane Maria which will be released soon. Both studies will help us better prepare for future natural disasters and prevent lives from being lost." SAM BRODSKY

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Here at Grumble HQ, it is our mission to give our readers a platform to voice their complaints. But we never thought that we would receive a Grumble about, well, the Grumble! To be honest, this one hurts a little bit. But it has some really great points. And that's what this whole section is about!

I have a lot of grumbles, but in the morning when I read Metro I prefer to focus on what's news or positive information I can use. It would be great if you were to also include something positive to counter the negative Grumble. Good things, stuff folks like. What they did during the week to help out a fellow commuter, ways to save time while commuting, good things nearby to eat or great deals when you get off of the train, i.e. There's a guy near my train stop that sells coffee and a doughnut for $1.00. The negativity in the Grumble really brings me down. We all hate the things folks do that are featured here. Maybe have include a positive way to deal with these things. I wouldn't advise interacting with the culprits, but

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perhaps there's stuff out there we can do to take our mind off these distractions, you can offer the advice — something good to foil the negativity. I know I can simply not read the Grumble. But, I had to Grumble about how I feel about it!

READER RESPONSES:

SMOKERS SMOKING

A recent "Grumble" begged those who flood the subway entrance with toxic gas to "Pick a better place to smoke". I agree—BUT there really isn't a good place to smoke anywhere in the city since it is a pervasive airborne pollutant. It's proven that being in the "plume" of a cigarette is harmful up to 30 feet.

I smell cigarettes in my apartment from neighboring dwellings with ALL the windows closed. People who smoke on the street give a cancerous faceful to every person downwind for half a block, every apartment above them, every store and restaurant.

The worst is that where it's illegal, in the city parks and beaches, smokers do it anyway saying "it's outdoors, no one cares." The Parks Department and police ignore it. If you go through the unwelcome effort to defend this one supposedly smoke-free bastion, however gently, smokers are often nasty and won't put it out. I have heard, sneeringly, "are you going to write me a ticket?" Even when I say I am a cancer survivor and am very polite, they regard me with hate for "violating their rights" or label it as "judging." And if someone else has made the same choice, a smoker points to them and says "everyone's doing it".

Believe me, I was just sitting there when your gas got in my face, I didn't want to get up, I just wanted to be in fresh air, and I SO don't want to be having this conversation.

The whole attitude needs to change. Smoking is NOT an individual choice, it is a choice some make that everyone else must breathe cigarettes. The city is too densely populated and they can't control where it goes. And don't care.

- Ina Ten, *Metro US reader*

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Aries Listen, but don't pass along information you are given until you verify its validity. Take control of whatever situation you face and avoid letting someone make you look bad.

Taurus A change of heart will encourage you to take another look at an offer or suggestion that someone made. Dealing with older relatives will resolve a stressful situation.

Gemini Speak up, ask questions and raise issues with anyone you feel is feeding you false information. Plan your actions and execute them to your specifications. Be innovative.

Cancer Broaden your interests and friendships. Get involved in activities that motivate you to try something new. Frequent a creative venue that attracts people who are unique and colorful.

Leo Temptation should be put aside. Making an abrupt change because someone else does so will not be in your best interest. Focus on doing a good job, contribute facts and solutions.

Virgo Someone will use emotional blackmail to twist your way of thinking. The best changes you can make are through educational pursuits, practice, and trial and error.

Libra Use intelligence and finish what you start. If you wait for someone else to take the reins, you will appear lazy. Take care of your health, and nurture important relationships.

Scorpio Put your money in a safe place. Don't share your financial status or talk about legal matters. Concentrate on making physical changes that will make you feel good about what you have to offer.

Sagittarius You'll come up against someone operating under false pretenses to take advantage of you. Rely on what you know is fact before you get involved in a joint venture.

Capricorn A change at home will have an impact on your personal relationships. You will have better luck finding success if you take an alternative path or adhere to an unusual plan.

Aquarius Living within your means will be in your best interest. Look for original alternatives that will allow you to cut costs by doing more of the work yourself.

Pisces Emotional deception or disillusionment will lead you astray. Don't take what others say to heart. Take the path that guarantees success, not the one that sounds too good to be true. EUGENIA LAST

Rethinking criminal justice

Spaces of Justice is taking New Yorkers on a year-long journey inside the city's courts, jails and other facilities to reconsider how crime is handled.

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The 2015 suicide of Kalief Browder, who was held on Rikers Island for three years as a teenager while awaiting a trial that never happened, renewed calls to shut down the prison. ERIK MCGREGOR

Just three decades ago, New York City was a very different place. But after an economic upturn brought community revitalization projects, the end of the crack epidemic, Mayor Rudy Giuliani and NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton's broken windows campaign, and further security measures in the wake of 9/11, New York is now among the safest cities in the world.

Now, another move is set to transform the city's criminal justice system: closing the Rikers Island prison complex by 2027 and shifting to a network of borough-based jails.

It's a tectonic shift that will affect not just the people within the criminal justice system but every New Yorker, prompting the nonprofit Open House New York to launch a year-long series called Spaces of Justice that takes people inside the buildings where policing, justice, punishment and support happen.

"At Open House New York, we look at big scale systems and infrastructure and devote a year to exploring how we make space for them," explains Gregory Wessner, executive director of OHNY.

"Our interest is really in looking at this issue from a citywide perspective and recognizing that this affects all of us on some level, and to really bring this conversation out into the public forum. Because a lot of people don't think about it and don't understand how this works: the spaces that exist all around us in all the boroughs in which safety and justice are performed."

The series begins tonight with a panel that reimagines a new criminal justice system called Redefining Safety and Justice for the 21st Century City at Cooper Union. As with many Open House New York events, admission is free but space is limited, so registration is required. Further events and tours will be announced as the series unfolds.

Beyond jails and prisons, Spaces of Justice will explore how society deals with crime, from before it happens to after inmates are released. That means looking at facilities providing services like mental health and drug treatment, probation offices, transitional housing, courts and job training centers. Some of the issues to be discussed include the effects of gentrification, how communities respond to minor incidents, and whether urban design can prevent crime.

After all: Most of the people in prison today will return to their communities, and preventing them from committing more crime is in everyone's interest.

"It's certainly not just about jails — there are a lot of other places that are part of this comprehensive system," Wessner says. "We're interested in a really broad, expansive understanding of this issue, including all of the spaces that are supporting communities to keep people out of jail."

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‘Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt’ is about to end, and we’re going to miss it

The last season of “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” debuts Wednesday.

The critically acclaimed comedy kicks off its final season this week.

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“Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,” the popular Netflix comedy series co-created by Tina Fey and Robert Carlock and starring Ellie Kemper, premieres the first half of its fourth season Wednesday. However, the release date for the second half remains a mystery, as does the show’s future.

Variety and other trades reported that this season would be its last, while noting Netflix and producer Universal Television were discussing a possible film to wrap everything up. Whether it ties everything together with the end of season four or chooses the movie option, one thing is clear — “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” will be missed by its ardent fans.

Ever since Kemper’s Kimmy and co-star Tituss Burgess’ Titus Andromedon graced Times Square with their presence in the 2015 season one premiere, critics and audiences have showered the show with praise.

Like “Parks and Recreation” and other similar TV comedies from the last decade, “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” quickly became a part of the pop cultural lexicon thanks to the internet. From highly GIF-able moments (which have been viewed 695.1 million times to date) to the ecstatically quotable Titus, whom The Washington Post calls the show’s “most meme-able character, its walking, talking glitter,” references to the unsuspecting hit sitcom about a doomsday cult member-turned-New York transplant are hard to escape.

Ellie Kemper’s Kimmy Schmidt will be missed.

If that’s not enough to convince the uninitiated, however, consider the series’ cast. Titus goes without saying, but Kemper’s title character, an increasingly odd yet adorable fish out of water, is hard not to love. Even during her most cringe-inducing moments, especially those that demonstrate precisely how little she knows about the modern world after 15 years living underground, Kimmy always finds a way to win back the viewers. Then again, who wouldn’t feel bad after laughing at the cult survivor after she re-

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peatedly mistakes "hashbrown" for "hashtag"?

Equally attractive is the endless array of celebrity guest stars that Fey and Carlock have cast for numerous recurring or one-off roles. Jon Hamm as the Reverend Richard Wayne Gary Wayne, the man who kidnapped Kimmy, Lisa Kudrow as Kimmy's mother, Ice T as himself and more have heeded the call. And no matter how significant or otherwise these appearances have been, they always make the show that much funnier. This season Busy Philipps, Aidy Bryant, Greg Kinnear and Bobby Moynihan will do the same.

As for the reasoning behind making season four the comedy's last, we may never know. Netflix has never released any details on its subscribers' viewing habits or ratings. So despite a recent Market Watch report suggesting the company is paying more attention to internal ratings, the precise method is unknown. Even so, "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" is one of a handful of original comedies Netflix has granted a fourth season renewal to (others include "Grace and Frankie," "Fuller House" and "The Ranch"), and this fact cannot be denied. If and when Kimmy and the gang say their final goodbyes, we'll still have all the GIFs and gags it left behind.

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Morocco meets California

Dez, the latest Instagram-bound restaurant by By Chloe co-founder Samantha Wasser brings fast-casual Middle Eastern fare to Nolita.

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The mezes and salads at Dez call on chef Eden Grinshpan's family recipes and Israeli background. PROVIDED

Fast-casual restaurant empress Samantha Wasser has done it again, this time with Middle Eastern food.

The co-founder of vegan darling By Chloe and stylish Roman cafe The Sosta has teamed up with Top Chef Canada host Eden Grinshpan for Dez at 227 Mulberry St. in SoHo, opening today.

The menu at Dez (it's short for desert) is rooted in Grinshpan's Israeli background, and then adapted to check off an almost too thorough list of trends. The hummus is pink (thanks to beets), there's toast topped with halva during brunch, there's a breakfast pita topped with a fried egg, a soft serve of the month, and lots of gluten-free options.

The menu reads more as if Marrakesh were a city on the California coast. This is not a bad thing. Where Middle Eastern food is usually heavy on meat, Dez goes for salads and mezes like fire-roasted eggplant with pomegranate, while incorporating unconventional ingredients like basil, watermelon radish and jalapeno.

Dez is meant to feel like a getaway, and to accomplish that ethereal feeling the duo recruited interior designer Jeanette Dalrot, who worked on the famously all-pink cafe Pietro Nolita. The results are neon-tinged vintage Moroccan rugs used as upholstery on banquettes, plants in bespoke ceramic pots, splashy tiled walls in bright yellow and terracotta, and an Arabian Nights-style cartoon desert landscape in the bathroom.

During the day, giant windows create an airy courtyard feeling to sip your Devocion coffee, while at night expect some majlis-style ambience thanks to candlelight, with three wines and a pilsner on tap available by the glass or carafe.

There's even a gift shop where you can buy some of the store's sauces as well as tourist tat like palm tree-printed bucket hats, hot pink water bottles and tie-dyed T-shirts, even a wall of postcards to send to… whoever might want a postcard from a trendy restaurant in New York City. Or just hold one up and take the ultimate "wish you were here" selfie for Instagram.

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Mets continue to waste deGrom

While New York's ace continues to dazzle, his team is giving him little to no support. So why shouldn't he push for a trade?

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New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom could go out and throw as many gems as he possibly can, but it still won't mask the fact that his team simply is not good.

That's what happens when incompetent owners and penny-pinching general managers try to build a World Series contender on a budget. GM Sandy Alderson can't be blamed much though for following the orders of the Wilpons, who all but ordered him to fill team needs in the cheapest way possible.

Regardless, the Mets once again are a frustrating and mediocre team that continue to find new ways to lose games as they flirt with the .500 line as the 2018 MLB season hits its two-month mark.

In the opening game of a doubleheader on Monday, Mets fans were exposed to an all-too-familiar sight of the team wasting yet another dazzling performance by Jacob deGrom.

New York's ace went seven innings strong against the Atlanta Braves, allowing just one run on five hits while striking out eight. But lack of run support saw deGrom's performance amount to yet another no-decision as the bullpen (read as Seth Lugo this time), blew a 2-1 eighth-inning lead.

While wasting deGrom's performances is an alarming and infuriating trend, it's almost commonplace now considering how often it's been happening.

Get this: In deGrom's last seven outings, the 29-year-old has allowed just two earned runs (0.45 ERA) in 40.1 innings of work while striking out 55 batters. Opponents are slashing .183/.261/.225 against him while nearly 70 percent of his pitches thrown have gone for strikes.

The stretch has lowered his ERA to an NL-best 1.52 this season as he's never looked better in his MLB career.

So out of those seven starts, do you know how many wins he's gotten?

Two.

Do you know how many games the Mets have won in the seven games he's pitched?

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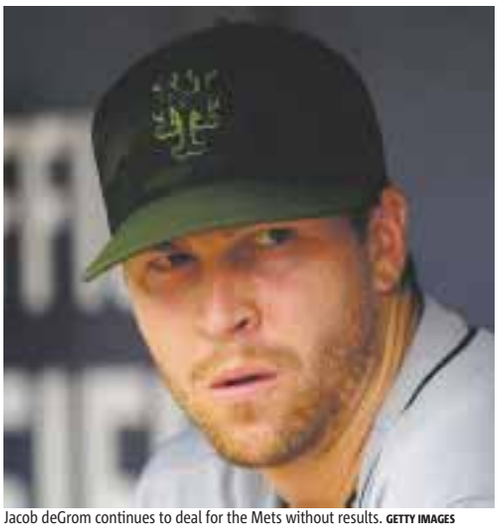
That's pitiful.

Why would anyone want to stay on a team like when a Cy Young-caliber start to a season is being compromised by the "support" system?



Jacob deGrom continues to deal for the Mets without results. GETTY IMAGES

It's starting to wear on him, too, even if he's being conservative about it.

"I think it's frustrating no matter what, whether I'm pitching or I am not," deGrom said (h/t New York Post). "We don't want to lose and when we lose games, it's frustrating. Whether it's me or anybody else, that is not what we're trying to do."

With the possibility of another playoff-less season looming for the Mets, the idea of a rebuild isn't that far away, which is a blasphemous idea if presented to fans three years ago while this team was making a run to the 2015 World Series.

But the pitching staff outside deGrom and Noah Syndergaard has not developed to plan (one of them is now a member of the Cincinnati Reds) and the offense filled with veterans is tame at best.

It's why deGrom's name appeared in trade speculation a few weeks ago, with the horrifying notion that the Yankees could be a good partner in a deal. Putting suitors aside, contending teams starved for pitching would pay a pretty penny to get deGrom in their rotation especially because the righty is under team control for the next two years before becoming an unrestricted free agent in 2021.

An arm like this would bring back a number of blue-chip prospects, something the Mets are without now that Amed Rosario is the big club's starting shortstop. But it will all come down to whether or not the team can turn things around in the next few months.

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Which arms could Yanks target?

The Yankees are in desperate need of starting pitching, but who could they go after in the coming months?

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It's becoming abundantly clear that the New York Yankees are in desperate need of starting pitching.

Outside Luis Severino, who is quickly developing into one of the finest pitchers in the American League, the Yankees have received inconsistent performances or absolutely nothing from the likes of Masahiro Tanaka, Sonny Gray, CC Sabathia and Domingo German, filling in for the injured Jordan Montgomery.

All Yankees starters not named Severino are 13-10 this season with a 4.64 ERA.

That's not going to cut it for a legitimate World Series contender, regardless of how good the offense is (it's ranked first in baseball).

Unlike other professional baseball teams in New York, the Yankees will address glaring team needs with the best possible option, which means they are all but guaranteed to be active on the trade market leading up to the league's July 31 trade deadline.

Entrenched in what is expected to be a titanic battle for the American League East with the Boston Red Sox, the Yankees don't have much time to waste, either. Here are three possible arms they could pursue on the trade market:

Rangers starter Cole Hamels has been linked to a possible trade with the Yankees for the past few weeks. GETTY IMAGES

COLE HAMELS

Hamels' name has been linked with the Yankees for the past few years now considering the veteran is wasting away with the struggling Texas Rangers.

Despite a 3-5 record with a 3.74 ERA, which looks mediocre on paper, Hamels has been pitching extremely well as of late against some good teams. In four starts against the Yankees, Red Sox, Cleveland Indians and Houston Astros, the 34-year-old went 2-0 with a 1.88 ERA, which could only help the rotation of a team poised to make a deep playoff run.

Earning $23 million this season, Hamels has a $20 million club option for next season, which comes with a $6 million buyout. With his salary expected to be halved by the trade deadline, he could be viewed as a prime rental.

CHRIS ARCHER

The Tampa Bay Rays ace has not been good this season. At 3-3 with a 4.29 ERA, his trade value has taken a sizeable hit this season, which won't do the Rays any favors considering they've seemingly dangled his name in trade talks for years now.

But with the team hovering around .500 this year in a loaded AL East, the Rays might be keen on trying to deal their starter to usher in a new era and a change of scenery, especially to a contender like the Yankees, could be just what Archer needs.

JACOB DEGROM

While this is an idea that would make any Mets fan sick to his or her stomach, deGrom would give the Yankees a fearsome 1-2 punch alongside Severino.

The 29-year-old leads the National League with a 1.52 ERA despite his team struggling to compete in the National League East. With the Mets possibly having to deal with the harsh reality of yet another rebuild, deGrom could call for some of the Yankees' best prospects like outfielder Clint Frazier and pitcher Justus Sheffield considering he's under team control through the 2020 season.

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24 Mauna —
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26 — — whim
27 Zodiac bull
30 Singer's aid
32 Opposite of post-
33 Bonn article
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38 Homey dessert
39 Declare frankly
40 Maria Conchita —
43 Stone or Ice —
44 Dazzle
47 Joule fraction
48 Pedro's honorific
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53 Timber wolf
54 Naive
59 Idyllic spot
60 She loved Lennon
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63 Current
64 Flair

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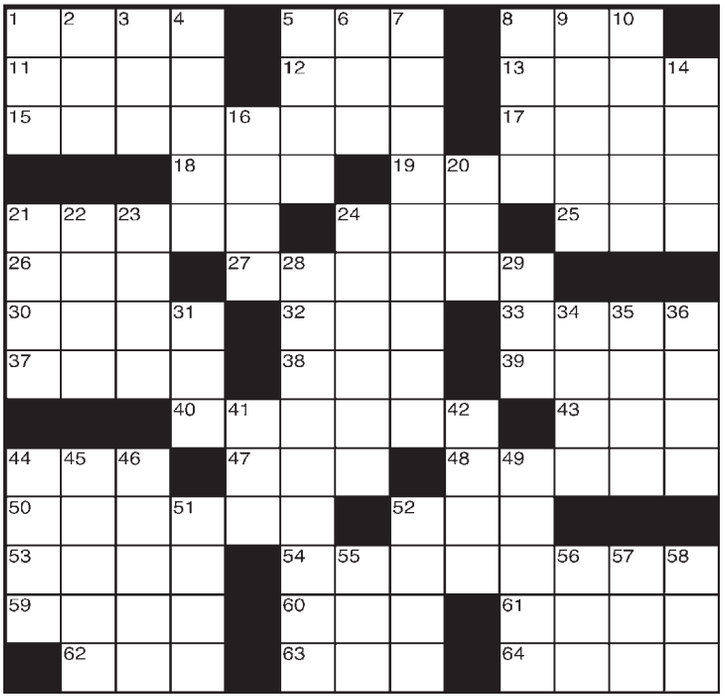

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	6						2	
3		4	2			6	1	
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			4		9	8		
		3				4		

hard

5			4			9	8	7
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3	8	9			1			2

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Y_4	O_1	V_4	G_2	V_4	R_1	O_1	4th Letter Double
R_1	L_1	G_2	D_2	N_1	A_1	A_1	
F_4	L_1	W_4	L_1	O_1	A_1	L_1	Double Word Score
J_8	G_2	R_1	A_1	E_1	B_3	C_3	Triple Word Score

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

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Yesterday's Scrabble answers.

B_3	I_1	L_1	L_1	I_1	N_1	G_2	RACK 1 =	80
K_5	N_1	E_1	E_1	C_3	A_1	P_3	RACK 2 =	80
F_4	L_1	I_1	N_1	T_1	Y_4		RACK 3 =	36
D_2	O_1	W_4	E_1	R_1	Y_4		RACK 4 =	26

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